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NASA-GHI SIGN AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR HEAT PROJECT

by Al Skolnik

What may be the start of the most significant development in Greenbelt's history since the Federal sale of the original homes to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. took place on Tuesday, February 11, when a cooperative agreement was signed with Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA) for initiation of a solar heat experimental project.

Under the agreement, which deals with phase 1 of the program only, non-solar improvements and modifications will be made in a sample of two rows of GHI masonry and brick homes to determine the optimum design and size for a solar collector system and the cost effectiveness of such a system.

The selected units are four flat-roof units (15 A-D Ridge) and four peaked-roof units (4 A-D Southway). Among the criteria used to select the courts were a southern exposure and minor tree-shading problems. The inhabitants have all agreed to the experiment. Two near-by rows, which will undergo no modifications, have been chosen as a control group to measure the effectiveness of the improvements.

Storm Windows

The phase 1 improvements consist of installation of storm windows and doors (some 80 windows and 16 doors in the two rows). The agreement signed with NASA calls for the latter to reimburse GHI for the cost of the storm windows and doors, not to exceed \$16,500, with GHI contributing maintenance and certain ancillary services.

Two types of storm windows are being considered. One calls for replacement of the present windows; the other calls for overlay-type storm windows that fit air-tight over the present windows, but are installed so that they can open with the present windows. Both are said to have the same heat-saving effectiveness so that the choice will depend on the comparative cost of production and installation, which is expected to run between \$100 and \$150 per window. The time schedule calls for the storm windows and doors to be installed by summer in time for the coming heating season.

Instrumentation

Another part of the phase 1 experimentation calls for the complete instrumentation of the present heating system and installation of a data collecting and recording system in the furnace room of one of the sample rows. The installation of the instrumentation sensors to monitor the heat loss and fuel consumption of the selected dwellings will be carried out by NASA personnel with NASA funds. The data collected from the GHI sample homes will be used to assess the costs and benefits expected from phase 2 of the project which involves the installation in 1976 of a solar heat collector system to augment the present fuel oil heating system.

Under the agreement, NASA will be applying the techniques and lessons learned from space travel toward meeting the need for reducing fossil fuel consumption. As part of this operation, NASA will establish a solar insulation measurement facility and a solar collector test bed facility at Goddard.

The agreement calls for a Joint Users Committee composed of NASA and GHI representatives to supervise and conduct the experiment and work out the details regarding building modifications.

NASA must obtain prior permission from GHI for all installations that involve modification to the buildings and/or access to the



In attendance at the NASA-GHI solar heat sign-up were (left to right) Edward Greene (Greenbelter and NASA originator of the project), Chesley Looney (NASA), Charles Dan (NASA), Hugh O'Donnell (GHI), Emil Hymowitz (current project manager for NASA), Royal Breashears, (GHI General Manager), Jack Peake (National Needs Office, NASA), Saul Cohen (legal office, NASA), Genevieve Wiseman (NASA), James Smith (GHI President), and Dr. John F. Clark (Director, Goddard Space Flight Center).

habitable area of the dwellings.

Frame Homes

The experiment was started in the brick homes because a circulating hot water heating system is needed. However, GHI has hopes to extend the experiment to the frame homes where the steam heating systems have been converted to hot water.

At its February 13 meeting, the GHI board approved the submission of an exploratory request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant of funding of a solar heat demonstration project for the frame homes.

The GHI proposal calls for replacing one of the four centralized steam plants in the North End by an efficient court-sized hot water heat system whose primary source would be solar energy, with an oil-fired back-up capability. In addition, storm windows and doors and some other insulation would be installed to reduce the heat demand to the level of a significant percentage of which can be supplied by a solar collector system.

Tax Break For Solar Energy Fueled Homes?

State Senator Edward T. Conroy has co-sponsored a Senate bill that would provide property and sales tax exemptions as incentives for solar energy installations in commercial and residential buildings throughout the state.

The bill provides that tax exemptions can be claimed on solar energy installations by filling out forms prescribed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The forms would be filed with material suppliers prior to construction, with county auditors, and would be subject to review with assessors before the exemption is granted.

Spellman To Speak At Legion Program

The Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will hold its Annual Program on "Service to God and Country" Thurs., Feb. 20 at 8:30 p.m. at the Post home on Greenbelt Road. Speakers for the evening will be Congresswoman Gladys Spellman and Father O'Donnell of St. Hugh's. Music will be provided by the DuVal High School Senior Chorus. The St. Hugh's CYO presentation is entitled "The Young Americans"

Refreshments will be provided. The Greenbelt community is invited.

Greenbelter Appointed to Human Relations Commis'n

Mrs. Muriel Weidenfeld, 123 Rosewood Drive, was appointed this week by Governor Marvin Mandel to the State of Maryland Human Relations Commission. A nine year resident of Greenbelt, Mrs. Weidenfeld was one of two members to be appointed from Prince Georges County. The Human Relations Commission has jurisdiction in cases of discrimination involving race, age, sex or other possible areas of discrimination throughout the State of Maryland.

Mrs. Weidenfeld is presently serving as Secretary of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. President of the Boxwood Civic Association and is on the Member Relations Committee of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. She is the wife of Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor Pro-Tem of Greenbelt.

GBC On Rent Controls

In a statement read at the county rent control hearing on February 11, James Smith, president of Greenbelt Development Corporation, wholly-owned subsidiary of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., illustrated how the cost increases of the last two years have forced the Parkway apartments to reduce maintenance and to delay capital replacement programs.

Water and sewer rates have increased 62%, fuel cost per gallon 259%, electricity rates, 44%, and trash removal costs 29% from 1972 to 1974, he said. Unless rent control measures contain equitable provisions for passing through increased costs to the tenant, Smith said it will be difficult to continue to provide rental housing that meets county standards for services and maintenance.

City of Greenbelt

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Regular Meeting of

City Council

Monday, Feb. 24, 1975

8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 3, 1975
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests -
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Park and Recreation Board - Transit Study
 - b. Park and Recreation Advisory Board -
 - c. Bicentennial Committee - Greenbelt Historical Marker
 - d. Bicentennial Committee - Greenbelt Trail
 - e. CABLE Television Report

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. City Cemetery

IV. NEW BUSINESS

10. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments that Portion of the Charter that Pertains to Elections, to Provide a comprehensive Revision of the Charter Requirements Relating to the Conduct of Elections Within the City and to Provide for the Establishment of a Board of Elections Consisting of Five Members to Review Election Procedures and Recommend Revisions, Hear Appeals of Decisions of the City Clerk, Appoint and Remove Election Judges and Clerks, Certify Election Results and Conduct Recounts and Perform Such Other Duties As May be Assigned to It; and to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 4, Title "Creation, Qualifications; Compensation," By Deleting Unnecessary Language Relating to Council Vacancies - First Reading
11. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Subsection (C), Title, "Adoption" of Section 40-50, Title "Council Action on Budget," to Provide that Council Shall Adopt the Budget on or Before the Tenth Day of June of the Fiscal Year Currently Ending - First Reading
12. Charter Amendment Resolution to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 63, "Tax Procedures", to Clarify the Tax Procedures of the City of Greenbelt - First Reading
13. Appointments to Board - Community Relations Advisory Board
14. I-95 Review - Combined Rockville Facility and Outer Beltway Study from Proposed Western Arterial (Montgomery County) to Baltimore-Washington Beltway (Prince George's County)
15. Revising the Greenbelt Master Plan
16. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Council Seeks Views On Transit Needs

For the past several months the city council has been considering transit needs for the city. The basis of this consideration has been a detailed report submitted by Wilbur Smith and Associates as part of a Federal and State funded study.

In their report, which is Phase I of a two phase study, the consultants have determined there exists a need for an internal transportation system for the city. They further present four alternatives for providing such service.

Transit Alternatives

1. A two-way fixed-loop system which would be essentially the same as existing Metro-bus operations. Buses would travel along a fixed route with designated stops to which passengers would have to go.
2. A demand-responsive (dial-a-ride) system that would provide door-to-door service.
3. A combination fixed-route/dial-a-ride system where the buses would travel a fixed route but make deviations to pick up and discharge passengers. (The consultants recommended this alternative.)
4. Reliance on and use of existing taxi service in the County, providing expanded service within the city.

Costs

Any transit system the city would establish would necessitate both capital and operating costs. While capital costs for the necessary equipment would be extensive, it has been pointed out that all but 5% of such costs could be funded through a combination of Federal and State grants presently available. Thus, the city's cost would be relatively small.

More important, however, is the question of operating costs. Experience around the country has shown that public transit systems are not self-supporting enterprises. Rather, they require heavy subsidy. Nothing exists to indicate that a Greenbelt transit system would be any different. Thus, it would require a local subsidy (\$152,000 in the first year).

The council members believe that the city can not afford the subsidy required for any of the alternatives proposed which, at a minimum, would amount to a property tax rate increase of more than 20%. In its discussions, therefore, the council considered whether or not a less extensive transit service should or could be provided. However, the Council felt there was a need for more citizen input before it could reach a decision. The Council was particularly interested in hearing citizens' views on the following questions:

1. How extensive is the city's need for an internal transit service?
2. Can the city afford to subsidize a transit system and to what extent?
3. What are the internal transit needs of Greenbelt? Do they require a 14 hour a day system or something less?
4. Which groups and ages of residents need a transit system? For what types of trips?

These questions and others related to transit will be the subject of a public hearing held by council on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m.

CASH FOR YOUR CANS

The Reynolds Metals Company mobile recycling unit will be located at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center, Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive, on Wed., Feb. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. Reynolds pays 15 cents per pound - cash on the spot - for all the aluminum cans, foil, TV dinner trays and other clean household scrap you can find. Put them in a clear plastic bag and bring them to the above location. A magnet is the best way to identify all-aluminum cans. If the magnet does not stick to the sides and ends, it is aluminum. Many aluminum cans are inscribed with the words "recyclable aluminum."

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More on Police Facilities

To the Editor:

My comments are related to last week's letter by Mrs. Viola Keer who was commenting on police needs.

To set the record straight, it is not the city manager, James K. Giese, who has ignored the pleas of the police for adequate facilities, as stated by Mrs. Keer in her letter, but rather three members of the city council who have not acted on the recommendations of the city manager, made almost a year ago, to expand the municipal building.

Other city offices in the municipal building are also overcrowded. Although the city could not fund a new, separate police facility at this time, expansion of the municipal building would allow the police department's facilities to be doubled in size. Only councilman Charles Schwan and I consistently have supported the city manager's recommendation that expanding the municipal building should be done as soon as possible.

Of course, the city always has more projects than it can fund. The other members of council felt that purchasing a portion of Parcel 15 for park land should be given a higher priority than expanding the municipal building. The city has insufficient funds to do both.

Recently the entire police department, apparently out of desperation and frustration, petitioned the city council for relief from the lack of adequate facilities and the serious problems caused as a result of the present facilities. At that time the other members of council did recognize that something has to be done about the situation now. Council agreed to give up the council conference room which is now being converted into two offices for the police department. However, this is merely temporary and partial relief and is by no means a permanent solution to the inadequate police facilities.

As the city grows it will probably become necessary to build a totally new police facility because the expanded municipal building will be needed for other growing city departments. Therefore, the present building would have to be expanded eventually so the city may as well take advantage of the recession and build an addition while construction costs are lower.

We have a first class police department in Greenbelt. It and the other city departments provide the citizens with good services and they need and deserve adequate operating facilities NOW!

Gil Weidenfeld
Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Greenbelt

Brotherhood Week Program

A special program in honor of Brotherhood Week and Negro History Week was presented at the Center School Library Media Center on Wed., Feb. 19. Media Specialist Thelma Wacks invited Otis Williams, author of Skeeter and several other children's books and books of poetry, to tell stories and talk about creative writing to the students. Williams is the Director of the Nyumburu Community Center at the University of Maryland, where he teaches a course in creative writing.

Mishkan Torah

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 8 p.m., at the J.C.C. building, Ridge and Westway Roads. The featured speaker of the evening will be Dr. Aron Primack, oncologist, who will speak on cancer detection. The public is invited to hear the speaker at 9 p.m.

Weekly Shopping Trip For Golden Agers?

To the Editor:

As president of Greenbelt Golden Age Club, I received a telephone call recently from Mrs. Eunice Coxon explaining that she, as an Advisory Committee member of Prince Georges County Division of Aging, had requested Mr. Vincent Goodsell, Director of the Agency, to investigate the feasibility of starting a regular weekly bus trip program for all senior citizens of Greenbelt as is now being operated in a number of other communities in our county. I also received a call from Mr. S. Seabey, Supervisor of Transportation for the Division of the Aging, and after several conferences it was agreed to initiate a weekly shopping trip for citizens 55 years and over, as soon as some necessary details can be worked out.

The important question is whether there are enough senior citizens interested in having this once a week service to the shopping areas. Two years ago a bus trip was arranged to pick up members of the Golden Age Club to attend their Wednesday meeting and not more than five people were interested, so it had to be discontinued.

This newly proposed bus trip is being scheduled for Thursday morning and would operate for three or four round trips. The fare on the bus will be 10c each way. If you are interested in this service please leave your name and address at Twin Pines office, or call me at 474-6475.

Charles T. McDonald

Much Appreciated

To the Editor:

For those interested in the content of bills introduced in the Maryland State Legislature, Leo Green, Delegate, Prince Georges County, has made access to this session's bills much easier.

Delegate Green, through the Greenbelt Branch of the Prince Georges County Library, is making available copies of all House and Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions introduced this year. In addition to the complete bill, a synopsis of each bill is also available. For those Greenbelt citizens who in the past have been referred to the Hyattsville Library for such information, the service provided by Delegate Green is much appreciated. I urge the citizens of Greenbelt to make use of the information provided.

Thanks is also due the staff of the Greenbelt Library for maintaining this service.

Darwin L. Boel

Wants It All Spelled Out

To the Editor:

GHI Members: Remember the belated Christmas present you received from the Audit Committee in January in the form of a proposed bylaws change that would in effect take away your last financial protection against unwarranted yearly increases by the Board of Directors?

Now, members of the 1,579 original Greenbelt homes have a belated Valentine from your sentimental board, a real "tricky" valentine, I might add, in the form of an extraordinary GNMA modification agreement which spells out no dollar amount of the principal you will have to pay in December 1977? Ever heard of borrowing money and not having in black and white in the contract the total of what you have to pay back?

Here is the extraordinary reason given by the board treasurer in a letter to me in answer to my complaint. "It is true that you will not find the principal due on Dec. 31, 1977 in the amount of \$219,287.70 in the Modification Agreement which was signed on July 29, 1974. The reason this figure was not spelled out was deliberate. Should GHI choose to pay off the whole or any part of the mortgage before 1977 then the amount of \$219,287.70 would be incorrect."

This raises some very interesting questions, considering that this is a balloon mortgage and we are told in the GHI Newsletter that there is "no easy way to repay over \$300,000."

The next to the last paragraph of the letter says "that both Donna G. Flemming, who signed for GNMA and Mr. James Smith, who signed for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., were fully aware of the terms of the agreement." I'm sure they were as well as all the members of the board and finance committee but what about the rest of the membership? I want no part of this Valentine! I want everything "spelled out" for my protection now and in 1977. How about you?

Eunice E. Coxon

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on

Wednesday, February 26, 1975

at 8:00 P.M., in the Municipal Building Council Room, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, to receive citizens' comments on transit needs for Greenbelt residents.

Copies of the Consultant's report on this subject are available for public review at either the city offices or the Greenbelt Library.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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Specifications for the above items are available at the City Manager's Office, 25 Crescent Road, phone 474-8000. Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 13, 1975, at which time they will be opened and publicly read.

GHI Prepares Energy-Saving Package For Membership OK

by Al Skolnik

Gearing up for a spring special membership meeting, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors on Thursday, February 13, tentatively approved another batch of energy-conservation measures for submittal to the membership. Last April the membership approved the use of \$172,000 of the \$317,800 deferred mortgage funds for energy conservation programs in the frame and brick homes. The board now intends that the remaining funds of \$146,000 be devoted to the frame homes.

The proposed measures are:

(1) Conversion of all the frame home steam heating plants south of Northway to variable temperature hot water heat, at a cost of about \$105,000. About 12 plants serving 300 units are involved. These plants were given high priority because their original boilers and pipes can be used. For the four large heating plants in the North End (which serve about 700 units), an entirely new piping system would be needed and the board felt that before such an investment is made, exploration should be made of other potential changes needed in these homes. In any event, the savings from conversion of the frame home plants south of Northway will be spread among all the frame homes.

(2) Installation of the Cottel/Tymponic Ultrasonic oil/water emulsifiers on the largest steam plants in the North End, at a cost of about \$30,000. This system, which uses fuel injection, has already been contracted for on one burner and is expected to increase fuel efficiency.

(3) Installation of fuel oil recording meters on the boiler plant at 12 Ridge and the large heating plants in the North End at a cost of about \$2,500. These devices will be used to measure the effectiveness of the various conservation measures to be adopted.

(4) A stepped up campaign of calibrating temperature recording instruments on the steam plants, and, where necessary, replacement of defective equipment and retention of outside experts to complete the task. Also proposed is the locking of weatherman controls so as to prevent interference by outsiders. These controls are designed to assure that the heat delivered to each unit is proper to assure comfort levels consistent with national energy saving goals.

Deferred Mortgage

Eunice Coxon expressed concern that the modification agreement signed last summer with Government National Mortgage Association for the deferral of the 1974 mortgage payments did not expressly mention the amount of principal and interest to be repaid by GHI. She felt that the absence of this information imperiled the investment of the members. She said that she had been in communication with GNMA and the letter received in reply was at variance with the information the board had made public.

When asked, however, by board members to share the letter with them so that variances could be checked, Mrs. Coxon said she was not ready to do so. The board then suggested that the Finance Committee look into the matter, but Mrs. Coxon was still non-committal. Director Joe Comproni said that as a member he obviously would also share any perils foreseen by Mrs. Coxon, but that his reading of the modification agreement together with the original documents indicated that the information on principal and interest was readily determinable.

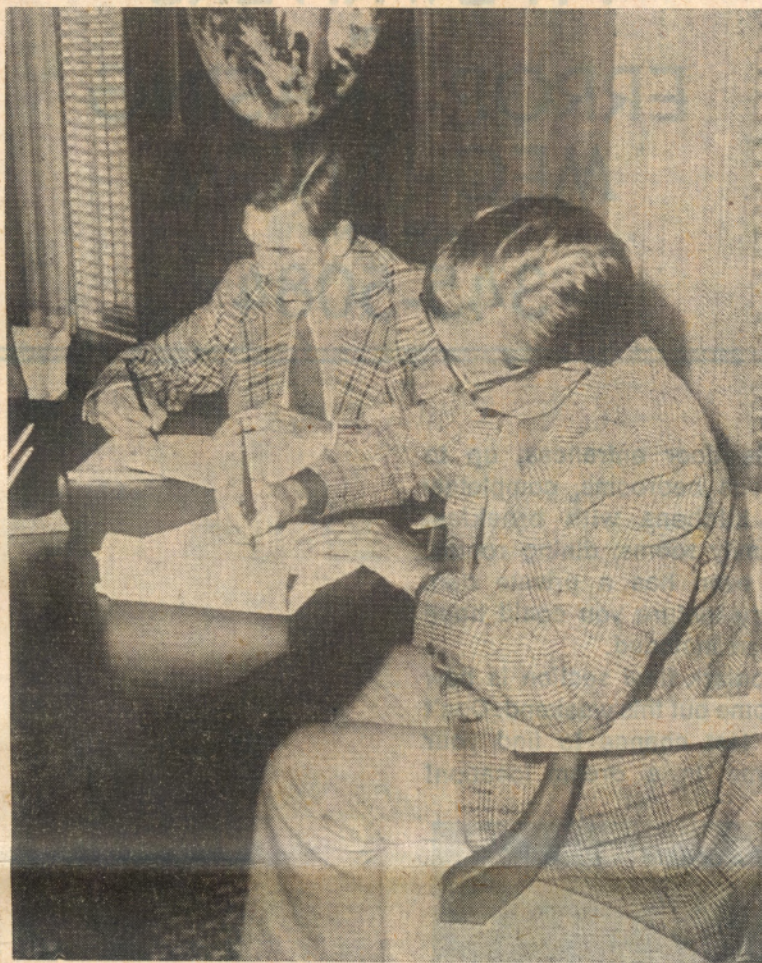
In another matter, the board accepted the recommendation of its Finance Committee that there be no change in the present policy established for accumulating funds through an escrow fund for the payment of the deferred GNMA mortgage. The board specified that the funds be invested only in treasury bills or other securities guaranteed by the U. S. Government. Mrs. Coxon had pushed for the establishment of a trustee account for management of the funds.

Directors Hugh O'Donnell, Virginia Moryadas and Don Volk

New Nursing Home Booklet Available

A free booklet, "How to select a nursing home without suffering sleepless nights," is being offered to the public by two Montgomery County nursing homes. The booklet was commissioned as a public service by Fernwood House Retirement and Nursing Center, Bethesda, and Bethesda-Silver Spring Retirement and Nursing Center, Chevy Chase.

The booklet explains how to evaluate nursing home accommodations, medical and nursing care, costs, therapy, rehabilitation, etc. For copies call 530-9000 or 657-8686.



Dr. John F. Clark, (right) Director of the Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA), and James Smith, President of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., sign the cooperative agreement for initiation of the solar heat experimental project.

Elderly Housing Sites Reviewed For Council

by Al Skolnik

Two architects, Steve Parker and Mark McInturff, gave the city council a rundown at its Feb. 12 work session of various sites for a housing for the elderly project. Examined with illustrated slides were 7 sites for their buildability and livability, including such elements as distance from shopping, noise, and attractiveness.

Planners are thinking in terms of a 100-unit building which would be 7 stories high, although a lower, more spread out building is possible. A project of this size is desired because it would be large enough to include a common dining room. Zoning regulations require 33 parking spaces to accompany the building.

Center Parking Lot

The site that attracted the most interest was the municipal parking lot tract behind the statue and the Co-op building with the building constructed on stilts on the existing lot. This site would have the advantage of being located close to the shopping center and other community facilities and would offer the new residents the greatest diversity and vitality — an active urban environment while still being adjacent to green space and quiet areas of recreation. The site would thus strengthen the community by revitalizing the center mall area, especially at night. The view from the building would also be attractive.

One disadvantage is that the building would have to be carefully positioned so as not to destroy the vista from the center mall toward Braden Field. Even so, a 7-story building may be too massive for the site, and a smaller building may need to be considered.

3-Second Sign OK'd For Beltway Plaza

The official order approving a sign waiver request by Beltway Plaza shopping center came down on February 12. It specifies as a condition that the sign consist of a 3-second word message sign, with the 3-second limitation relating to the word message itself, but the order disapproved a moving message sign.

The county council which approved the sign waiver concluded that the modified plan would not result in any undue concentration of signs in the area proposed or in a substantial impairment of the intent of the existing ordinance. It noted that the ordinance already exempts signs indicating time or temperature changes on not less than a 5 second cycle.

The council said that the modifications are necessary in order to alleviate special circumstances surrounding Beltway Plaza. It alluded to the adjoining steep slope which acutely delays observation of the shopping center by passing motorists and stated there is a marked need for additional business identification of the Center itself and the 40 or more merchants who transact business therein.

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Crescent Road Sites

Further out are two sites along Crescent Road. The first is between the firehouse and St. Hugh's property. This one is considered low on the totem pole because of the noise element from the adjacent firehouse. The second site is parcel 12 near Jaycees Clubhouse. The landscaping and picturesque scenery near the lake make this an attractive physical site. However, the site is wet with subsurface water and may be in the flood plain.

Ridge Road Sites

Finally there are two sites along Ridge Road. One is the Ridge Road Center property. The main difficulty is the distance from the center and other facilities. While walking time from the center is only 5-8 minutes, the walk itself is rather steep, exceeding maximum slopes of the county code. Furthermore, pedestrians must cross busy Ridge Road, which is dangerous because of the curves. Also to be contended with is the noise from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. There is also a question of the effect on neighboring property of a 7-story building.

The other is a site on Hamilton Place, opposite GHI offices. It is even further from the center and has the same inconveniences of a steep walk from the center and dangerous roads to cross. The site also has no vegetation so that the building would not blend very well. Also there is noise from the B-W parkway. The site, however, is the only one that could take a 3- or 4-story development, instead of a 7-story one.

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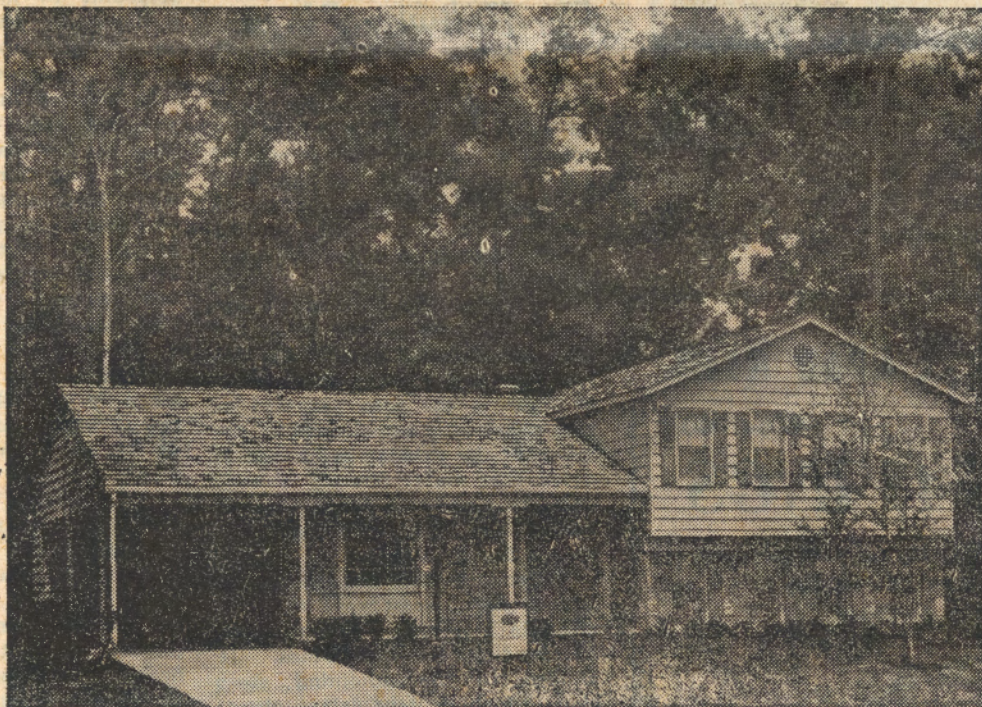
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Rhea Cohen was elected first vice-president of the Prince Georges County Civic Federation, Inc. for 1975.

Happy-happy birthday to twins Lisa and Jamie Merewitz of Springhill Lake who celebrated their first birthday on Feb. 24. Congratulations to their parents, Larry and Sue who will soon be celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary.

Greenbelter Randall Moyer attended Western Reserve Life Assurance Company's annual Leaders Conference in Maui, Hawaii where he received a top sales achievement award.

Richard and Marion Tatum are proud parents. Their first child, Kimberly Ann, made her debut Feb. 9 weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. S/Sgt. Tatum is stationed in Dover, Delaware where he is in the Air Force. Kimberly's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tatum, 14-Z-2 Laurel Hill, and her great grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Tatum, lives at 15-H Parkway.

Just cannot keep grandma home these days. Jill Marie Curtis of Greenbelt took her granddaughter Julie. Anne Millhollon of Boxwood to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana. The week's trip included time for sightseeing and visiting along the way.

The Prince Georges County Council confirmed the appointment of Greenbelter Raymond Krasnick to the Board of Appeals and that of Clarence Britt, of Greenbelt, to the Soil Conservation District.

Tanya and David Lourie of Greenbelt announce the arrival of a daughter, Shana Bethsheva, on Jan. 28, weighing 7 lbs. 1/2 oz. Her proud grandmother is Mrs. Linda Fox of Greenbelt.

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Basketball Wins - 2/11, 13B boys team beat Upper Marlboror 42-36; 2/13 the 14 Boys beat South Bowie 38-34 with Rick Hawk and Chris Dwyer scoring 10 points each; 17 boys, with Mike Foster scoring 17 points and Bob Mongelli adding 16, beat Adelphi 64-47. 17 boys won the New Carrollton George Washington Tournament by first beating Beltsville 61-40 on Feb. 16 with Kevin Foster high scorer and Mark Weiss close behind. Then Feb. 17 they beat the 18 year old Camp Springs undefeated team 65-42 with Mark Weiss 19, Bob Mongelli 16, and Frank Gleason 12. Mike Foster was outstanding, getting the rebounds. Congratulations to Bob Bicknell and his team.

Homes Games 2/24 thru 2/27. - 2/24 Boys 10 vs. Bladensburg 6 p.m. 2/25-6p.m., Boys 11B vs. Green Meadows; 7 p.m. Boys 12B vs. Bowie #2; 8 p.m., Girls 13B vs. Green Meadows #2; 9 p.m., Boys 17 vs. Green Meadows. 2/26-6:30 p.m., Boys 10B vs. Marlboro #2. 2/27-6 p.m., Girls 13 vs. District Hghts; 7 p.m., Boys 15 vs. Bladensburg; 8 p.m., Boys 17 vs. Landover Hills.

Baseball - All 11 and 12 year old boys are needed now to be part of Prince Georges County Baseball. Contact Bill McCarthy 474-7842 for information.

At the Library

A book discussion will take place on Tues., Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the library. The topic of discussion will be *Beyond Freedom and Dignity* written by B. F. Skinner.

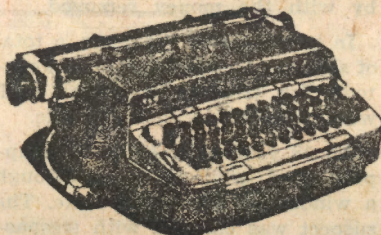
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State Water Resources Prodded On Parcel 15 Erosion Problems

by Elaine Skolnik

The State Department of Water Resources (SDWR) has under investigation erosion problems on two portions of Parcel 15 in Greenbelt. One is located just east of the Charlestowne North high-rise apartment building and the other is adjacent to the Capital Beltway. The city council in September 1972 requested that SDWR institute enforcement action, and more recently former councilwoman Rhea Cohen, assistant Washington representative for the Sierra Club, questioned why steps had not been taken to remedy the situation.

SDWR official Roger Kanerva told the News Review that all pertinent data, including photographs of the sites, had been turned over to the Attorney General's office some time ago. A spokesman for the legal office said that a variety of legal questions has slowed up action but the matter is still being pursued.

Kanerva said that there were about 300 outstanding active violations under examination. In addition, the SDWR enforcement division's staff of 29 inspectors must cover some 3,000 routine cases in the state. The Greenbriar sewage treatment plant, for example, is visited once a week.

The two erosion problems on the parcel 15 tract were created when

(1) Dirt from excavations was dumped and spread upon the property next to the high-rise apartment in developing the adjacent apartments. A large barren area was created at the end of Prince James Way, and sediment deposited into the lake via a sewer on Prince James Way which outfalls into a stream near Greenbelt Lake.

(2) The contractor for the Capital Beltway was given permission by the owners of parcel 15 to remove dirt for use on the project. The result was a second large barren area visible from the Beltway. Sediment run-off enters a stream outfalling from Greenbelt Lake that flows into Indian Creek. The sediment has been carried across a wooded area and has caused substantial tree kill.

A. H. Smith

In the Greenbelt area the state has been successful in requiring the developer of the Beltway Plaza to take action to correct the eroded steep slope next to S. Klein and sedimentation problems caused by construction of the shopping center.

In addition, according to the attorney general's office, the A. H. Smith Sand and Gravel Company has been ordered to correct the problems caused by its Branchville operation on Greenbelt Road, west of Cherrywood Lane. In November 1970, the company was cited for violation under the newly enacted Maryland Pollution Abatement Law. The State charged that the sand and gravel operation polluted Indian Creek, a tributary of the Anacostia River.

Since that time, the matter has been in the courts, and in the summer of 1973 the court ruled that the property was subject to the State's Pollution Abatement controls and other laws.

A spokesman for SDWR said "Our authority is pretty well defined now, and we can enforce the laws." SDWR is requiring that the A. H. Smith Sand and Gravel Company present an erosion sediment control plan for the property, including a schedule of implementation. In addition, the company must apply for a discharge permit and waterway permit since part of the sand and gravel operation is within a floodplain of Indian Creek.

C. Edward Hartman, attorney for A. H. Smith Sand and Gravel

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A resident of Greenbelt Road has been apprehended and charged with indecent exposure, after he was identified by the victim, a female resident he had given a ride to.

Officer Duprat, while on foot on Centerway, charged an adult resident with drinking in public. At the same time, four juveniles were taken into custody for a variety of charges, drinking, possession of marijuana and loitering. The juveniles were released to their parents.

Three storage rooms in different buildings in Springhill Lake were entered and various valuables were stolen. Another apartment in University Square was entered with no discernible signs of forced entry.

Five juveniles were apprehended after an alert citizen observed them entering an apartment building basement. The juveniles were found to be in possession of alcohol, narcotics, and were truant. Also, two juveniles apprehended by Sgt. Falconer were found to be truant and intoxicated. The two were released to their parents.

Several unattended wallets, stolen from basketball players at the youth center, were recovered nearby with the money removed.

In two separate incidents, a total of six juveniles were taken into custody for truancy violations. All were released to their parents.

An 18 year old resident was apprehended while peering through a window in Springhill Lake. The suspect was charged with trespassing and is awaiting court action.

Sign-Up For Soccer

There will be a meeting of the parents of all boys 10 to 14 years old who are interested in playing soccer during the spring season. The meeting will be held at the Youth Center Conference Room, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Spring soccer is being sponsored by the newly formed Greenbelt Soccer Association, which is a non-profit, independent youth organization whose purpose is to provide soccer instruction and competitive programs for boys on a year-round basis. The association is currently sponsoring winter soccer competition for boys 12 to 14 years of age. Interested boys are invited to join either the 12 to 14 year old team in its spring program, or the 10 to 11 year old team, which is now being formed.

Soccer is gaining great interest with the U.S. public and part of its appeal is that participation and success at the game does not depend on player size. So if parents think that soccer might be the game for their sons, please attend or call Alberto Yanez, at 474-7138 for further information.

CITY NOTES

A variety of chores were accomplished last week, including street patching, coldmix, and applying chipped stones to the foot path along Crescent Road. The area behind the firehouse was cleaned, the special trash trailer removed and a platform constructed to load a truck that is now parked in place of the trailer behind the firehouse.

City crews moved police department equipment within the Municipal building. The department is now using the meeting room on the second floor.

Pepco installed the new poles that will carry power to light the tennis courts at Braden Field. The wires will be installed later.

The Reynolds Aluminum Company collected 50 lbs. of cans last week.

Three new counselors have joined the staff of Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau this month. Robert Madsen, a Beltsville resident, comes to the Bureau with an M.A. in Clinical-Community Psychology. Ms. Eli Karimi, a resident of College Park and a native of Iran, is currently enrolled as a second year Ph.D. student in Clinical Psychology at the University of Maryland. Ms. Neysa Ojalvo has a Master's in Social Work.

During recent snowstorms complaints were received of juvenile throwing snowballs at motorists and pedestrians. Warnings were issued.

"The Odd Couple" In New Carrollton

Prince Georges Little Theatre presents as its third show of the season "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. The comedy will run on Fri. and Sat. nights at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 21, 22, 28, and March 1, at Charles Carroll Junior High School, Lamont Drive and Westbrook Drive in New Carrollton, Maryland.

Greenbelter Dick Simko and Bill Delaney star as Felix and Oscar respectively. Murray the Cop is played by Steve DeLaurier.

Tickets are available at the door. Group rates are available. For further information, call 772-6485.

COLONIAL AMERICA CELEBRATED AT BELTWAY PLAZA

On Washington's Birthday Feb. 22, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. the Beltway Plaza shopping center will celebrate the bicentennial.

Nancy Isabell Thompson, a ventriloquist, will play Betsy Ross, the maker of the first United States flag, in an historical program for adults and children. She will feature Grandma, a ventriloquist puppet, who will present verses, tales and anecdotes of pioneer colonial life.

Shoppers will be able to hear taped features and patriotic music over Beltway Plaza's public address system between shows. The Star Spangled Banner will be the signal for the beginning of each live show at the "crossroads" within the covered mall.

YCC Jobs Available

Congresswoman Gladys Spellman announced that applications for 4,500 United States Youth Conservation Corps jobs for youth ranging in age from 15 to 18 are now being accepted.

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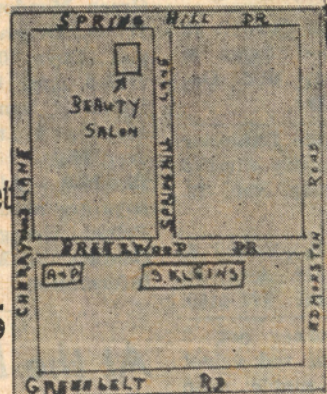
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